

appointment. We regret that we have found no way to ship nets or answer inquiries at times when E. A. Bergstrom is out of town (during 1970, probably for four or five weeks between July 10 and August 20). Our substantial reserve stock is divided among 18 net types, and for many types the reserve is relatively limited. Our current imports are vulnerable to Pacific Coast waterfront strikes, though fortunately recent strikes have all been on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts (and thus didn't affect incoming nets).

We recently enjoyed a visit from a member of the Tokyo firm that arranges the manufacture of nets for NEBBA. He confirmed our understanding that we are receiving only the top grade of nets made in Japan. We intend to continue to obtain this grade, even at the cost of higher prices when necessary. The trend of Japanese factory wages and prices in general continues sharply higher. The net factory is trying to apply greater mechanization in order to maintain present wholesale prices. However, it is quite unlikely that NEBBA can in future maintain retail prices unchanged for six years, as it did from 1962 to 1968. Any appreciable increase will have to be passed on to the user, after NEBBA's existing stock of nets obtained at a lower price has been used up. Unlike most importers, we do not take an inventory profit by raising our retail prices the minute wholesale prices go up (by applying the increase to stock on hand.)

#### NOTES AND NEWS

We note with pleasure the award of the 1969 John Burroughs Memorial Medal to Mrs. Louise de Kiriline Lawrence of our review staff, for her book *The Lovely and the Wild*. However, we also note with regret her resignation from the staff (effective with this issue), because of the increasing demands of her own writing. Mrs. Lawrence has been one of our most steadfast reviewers, since early 1956, with invaluable coverage of the Scandinavian publications in particular.

As of the NEBBA annual meeting in early November, 1969, the Manomet Bird Observatory (see *Bird-Banding* 40: 178-179, April, 1969) had made excellent progress. It had over 565 individual members, who had furnished over \$15,000 in dues and contributions; large donors (principally foundations) had provided another \$18,000. Banding operations for the calendar year to that point involved about 5,000 birds, of 105 species. Interest from school groups has been very heavy. NEBBA made a further grant of \$200 to the Observatory. Membership information may be obtained from: Miss Barbara Treat, Membership Secretary, Manomet Bird Observatory, 720 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, Mass. 02025. Questions about the use of the Observatory should be sent to its director, Mrs. Paul T. Anderson, Wolf Trap Hill, R.F.D. No. 2, Winter St., Middleborough, Mass. 02346.

The American Museum of Natural History, with support from the National Science Foundation, will consider applications from college undergraduates for participation in a program of ornithological research at the Kalbfleisch Field Research Station in Huntington, Long Island, during the summer of 1970. Applicants must be proficient in the field identification of the land birds of New York. The research program provides training in censusing breeding birds, mist netting, banding, aging and sexing birds through surgery, sound recording and playback techniques, preparation of museum specimens, etc. Students are in residence for twelve weeks and receive a stipend of \$720. Applications must be filed not later than 1 March. Write to Dr. Wesley E. Lanyon, Department of Ornithology, The American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York 10024.

The sum of \$988.00 is available in the Josselyn van Tyne Memorial Fund for research grants in 1970. Of this amount, \$185.00 is reserved for research in systematics. Any student of birds is invited to apply for research grants. Young investigators just starting their careers or others not eligible for government grants are encouraged to apply. Applicants should prepare a brief but comprehensive description of their research projects specifying the objectives and proposed plans of procedure. Particulars of the type and amount of financial assistance needed must be included. A brief statement of the applicant's ornithological background should be appended. Letters of recommendation from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful. Review by the committee will be facilitated if six copies are submitted. Applications should be submitted not later than April 1, 1970 to Alan H. Brush, Chairman, A.O.U. Research Committee, Biological Sciences Group, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut 06268.

Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge. Two grants have been made in several recent years; last year the grants were for \$200 and \$100. Application forms may be obtained from Harrison B. Tordoff, Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Completed applications must be received by March 1, 1970.

A new award of \$100 annually, to be known as the Margaret Morse Nice Award, has been made possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor of \$500 to the Wilson Ornithological Society. Candidates for this award are limited to persons not affiliated with a college or university. Interested persons should write to Harrison B. Tordoff, address given above.

The editor of the International Ornithological Bulletin *The Ring* proposes to publish an *Index Ornithologorum* embracing the professional and amateur ornithologists of the world. All entries should be in English and should be accompanied by one International Postal Reply Coupon for further correspondence. Closing date for all entries is June 30, 1970, but earlier arrival of entries would be appreciated. Do not delay—send your entry to-day. The address is: The Editor, *The Ring*, Laboratory of Ornithology, Sienkiewicza 21, Wroclaw, Poland.

An entry (in English) should contain the following information:

1. Surname
2. Names in full
3. Year of birth (optional)
4. Title
5. Positions held (including editorships, memberships, etc.)
6. Principal interest in ornithology
7. Address
8. Authors of ornithological publications are requested to quote the most important of them.
9. Do you intend to purchase a copy of the INDEX if reasonably priced?
10. One I.P.R. Coupon is enclosed: yes — no

Date

Signature